

## The Weekly Ledger.

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If the Populists vote the Democratic ticket no power on earth can defeat Bryan.

It begins to look now as though we might have done what we have done.

This Ledger, as usual, announced the starting of the parade at the Democratic rally.

MAKING OF THE NAMES ON THE TICKETS except the regular Democratic ticket. That's the way to mark your ticket without making a mistake.

O. HITT, one of Missouri's very best speakers, will address the Bryan and Sewall Democratic Club at the Court House Friday night. Hear him.

COL. W. F. SWITZLER made a splendid speech at the court house Saturday night. Col. Switzler knows how to talk Democracy from the shoulder.

MEXICO people know how to decorate. Inside of two hours, the morning of the rally, nearly every business house in Mexico was neatly decorated.

E. B. CAKE spoke to an immense crowd at the Court House Monday night. Cake is a fine speaker and was received with loud and continued applause.

It begins to look now as though Watson would be repudiated by his own people unless he withdraws of his own accord. He is making everybody very tired.

THERE will be no fusion on the Democratic ticket. Let every Democrat in Missouri vote the ticket straight from top to bottom. That's the way to elect your nominees.

THE Democrats of Audrain County were never more enthusiastic than they are to-day. A largely increased majority for the whole ticket will be recorded on the 3d of November.

DEMOCRATS don't care the weather had been what it ought to have been, Mexico could not have taken care of the people that would have been at the rally.

O. HITT speaks at Laddonia Thursday night and in Mexico Friday night. O. Hitt is a Democrat, dyed-in-the-wool, and knows how to give the reasons for the faith that is in him. He will talk to standing room at both places.

SPEAKERS throughout the county should explain in their talks how to mark the tickets. Every Democrat should be careful and see that he votes in such a way that his ballot will be counted. The safest way is to mark off all of the names on the ticket except the regular Democratic ticket.

HOMER BASFORD, of the St. Louis Republic, who is thoroughly posted on the political outlook, says that Bryan will be elected beyond a doubt. Mr. Basford is of the opinion that he will carry the south, west, and middle states solid. Illinois, he thinks, will give a splendid majority both for Bryan and Alldred.

D. CRAWFORD, a prominent business man of St. Louis, got mad and discharged some of his salesmen because they differed from him on the money question. Like most people who get mad, he made a chump of himself. While other people are kicking him, Crawford is also kicking himself. The result will redound to the best interests of the country.

THE Democratic clubs in Audrain County were well represented at the grand rally in Mexico on Monday. If the weather had been better there would have been at least five times as many people in Mexico but in spite of the bad weather there was a large and enthusiastic attendance. Clubs were well organized and made a most creditable showing, none more so than the one from Mollino.

ONE of the very strongest Democratic newspapers in the country is the New York Journal. It is eminently correct in the following:

"There is no more reason why Americans should not honestly differ about a question of finance than about a question of tariff. There is no more reason for accusing the ordinary bimetallic of being a robber than there is for accusing the ordinary monometallic of being in the pay of Wall street and the Rothschilds, and working to rob the debtor for the profit of the creditor. Doubtless there are selfish interests on both sides of the controversy, but every man who is not a featherhead or a bigot knows that in the mass those who are for the gold standard and those who are for a return to the free coinage of silver are equally convinced that the policy of their choice is for the benefit of the country. It is a mistake to believe that the average citizen of the United States is a second-rate." Watson's Treachery.

From the St. Louis Republic. Not long ago Tom Watson complained of the treatment the Bryan press had accorded him. He said he had asked him and questioned his motives.

Mr. Watson has no cause of complaint. On the contrary he has every reason to feel grateful to the Bryan press for the distinguished consideration it showed him. The worst charge any Bryan newspaper made against him was that he was willing to sacrifice the cause for which he expressed so much devotion to further his own ambition; that he was willing to endanger the election of the Presidential candidate of his party in order to force himself on the Democratic ticket.

But no Bryan newspaper accused Mr. Watson of using his position for pecuniary gain; yet it appears from evidence in the hands of the Populist National Committee that Mr. Watson has done this thing. His attacks on Sewall, the Democratic party and incidentally on Bryan, ostensibly in defense of the Populist party and principles, and his impassioned appeals in behalf of the Populist organization as the palladium of popular rights, were prepared for sale and were sold at the spectacle of a vice-presidential candidate selling his campaign utterances by the column is not inspiring. When the sale involves betrayal of his party and his allies it is revolting.

The rank and file of the Populists are not the kind of voters to whom political goods are to be sold at Mr. Watson's bargain counter.

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## THE MONSTER-DEMOCRATIC RALLY.

Great Enthusiasm Prevailed and all Were for Bryan and Free Silver.

CLARK AND ALLEN MAKE FINE SPEECHES.

The Court Room and Opera House Crowded Almost to Suffocation—Both Places were Tastefully Decorated.

The threatening skies kept many away from the big Democratic rally in this city last Monday and Tuesday night, but you can't scare Democrats with clouds and mud. The great event of the morning was the big parade. It was a corker. Owing to the mud, there were no parades on foot, but there were hundreds on horseback and the long line of cheering men was watched by large crowds on all the streets around and near the square.

The parade appeared shortly after 11 o'clock, headed by Major Ricketts, the grand marshal of the day, and followed by the following gentlemen: R. P. Hopkins, O. C. Davis, J. A. Lewis, Jay Stephens, F. A. Sannbeck, J. R. Johnson, Andy Harrison, Capt. Allen, Will Lee, Willard Potts and Price Johnson.

Then came the Bryan and Sewall club of Mexico, headed by the following gentlemen: R. P. Hopkins, O. C. Davis, J. A. Lewis, Jay Stephens, F. A. Sannbeck, J. R. Johnson, Andy Harrison, Capt. Allen, Will Lee, Willard Potts and Price Johnson.

Several catchy and appropriate mottoes were carried in the parade, some of which were as follows: "Free silver, free thought, free speech and Bryan," "Bryan, free silver and prosperity," "Wm. J. Bryan, 16 to 1, united we stand," "Clark and Allen are our best men." One feature of the line was a small negro boy on a burro, dressed in yellow, carrying a banner on which was "Here I am," followed by old Clay Taylor, in a white robe, on horseback, carrying "16 is coming."

During the morning the Louisiana drum corps and Mexico band discoursed excellent music from the porches of the Ringo and Central Hotels.

SPEECHES MONDAY AFTERNOON. Congressman John M. Allen, of Mississippi, and Hon. Champ Clark spoke in the afternoon, the former at the Opera House and the latter at the Court House. The crowds at both places were immense. Not one person more could have gotten in the Opera House and likewise the court room.

At the Opera House the stage was crowded with ladies and prominent Democrats and the programme was opened with several selections by the Mexico band, followed by some splendid campaign songs rendered by a number of young ladies from Benton City, who were enthusiastically applauded. Hon. W. H. Kennan then introduced the noted speaker, and when the famous Congressman from Mississippi stepped forward the cheering was deafening. For nearly two hours he held the vast audience spellbound with his telling utterances and his remarks were frequently interrupted by great cheering. The Ledger is sorry to state that owing to the fact that Congressman Allen's speech

was not a written one it is unable to print it. Such a speech would have been read by any number of times. In the Weekly Ledger, however, is an interesting article about Mr. Allen. After Mr. Allen had finished Hon. Champ Clark made a short address to the crowd, which was received with great enthusiasm.

At the Court House the crowd was immense. Every seat in the court room was occupied and crowds of people stood up. Hon. Champ Clark was introduced by Hon. Orlando Hitt and spoke in part as follows:

Free speech is one of the cardinal tenets of our political creed. I have always maintained that I have the right to express my opinion on any subject at any time and place that appears to me meet and proper. The same right will I claim for myself I freely accord to others.

Our appeal is to the human understanding, and not to prejudice. Abuse and epithets prove nothing. They simply and certainly stir up strife and should be omitted both from public discussion and private conversation.

So I say come, let us reason together on those matters which appertain to our temporal welfare. Certainly we can do this without losing our temper.

Some months since, when Mr. Brand was a candidate for the Presidential nomination, it was alleged against him that he was a one-sided man and I have no doubt that the charges contributed to his defeat. But the truth is, that we are one-sided men. I do not mean by that that we cannot and do not consider a question from both sides, but that we are one-sided in our sympathies. We are one-sided in our sympathies.

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ponder but one political issue at one time. All history and experience prove this. Parties hold conventions, formulate long platforms and incidentally touch upon every controverted point of governmental conduct; but at last in each campaign the people select one from out the mass which they find their attention on and by tacit consent postpone all others to a more convenient season.

In 1892 no audience would have listened to any man discuss the money question except as a matter of curiosity to learn his style of oratory. They made up their minds to have the tariff discussed and it was more capably and thoroughly discussed that year than at any preceding time, perhaps more so than it will ever be again. This year no audience would listen patiently to any man discuss the tariff. The people have their minds made up to have the financial question discussed and it is being discussed in every hamlet and by every hearthstone in the land. If the politicians could have their way the tariff would again be the issue. But politicians do not makeleaves. The people make them—the plain people, as

wisely takes away from us the right to coin and confers upon the Government the sole right to coin money and fix the value thereof and if we undertake to exercise our natural right to coin, we are arrested and sent to the penitentiary. Government monopolizes the right of coinage in order to guarantee the weight, fineness and uniformity of our coins. By monopolizing the right to coin money, the Government assumes the duty of furnishing the people with enough money to transact their business. That is a proposition to plain to require argument.

By unlimited coinage is meant that any person shall have the privilege of taking any quantity of gold and silver bullion to the mint and have in coined into money and handed back to them. The owner of gold bullion has that same right now. We demand the same right for the holder of silver bullion, not for his good only, but for the good of all our people—aye, more, for the good of the entire human race.

By independent coinage is meant that we propose to go into the free, unlimited coinage business on our own terms, without asking the permission of any other nation and without the assistance of any other nation. It means that this nation has come of age, has attained its majority, has cut its leading strings, kicked off its swaddling clothes and is old enough, strong enough, brave enough and wise enough to transact its own business in its own way without the consent of any king, prince, potentate or foreign nation.

Of course the ideal state of affairs would be for all nations to go into it at once, but judging the future by the past is not likely to happen. The dream of an international conference with anything approaching unanimity has been rudely shattered and forever dispelled by the clear and unequivocal declarations of Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Balfour, the acknowledged chiefs of the two contending parties in England, to the effect that Great Britain will have nothing whatever to do with international conferences. This being true, somebody must lead in this beneficent work, and as we are the strongest nation on the globe, as well as the largest silver producing nation, we propose to lead. This is the part of patriotism, common sense and humanity.

"Where McPherson sits is the head of the table" was the proud boast of the haughty Scot; and "where America sits is the head of the financial and commercial table" is a saying which we propose shall hold good in all the years that are to come. Solomon says there is a time for everything under the sun. The time to make a 4th of July speech is on the 4th of July, and I am not fool enough to make one this late in the year. But, whether in season or out of season, to the timorous Anglo-man who says that we dare not do this momentous thing alone, I venture the statement that when our forefathers, 3,000,000 ragged backwoodsmen, made up their minds to try the experiment of self government on this continent, they did not ask anybody's permission or for an international agreement, but with courage, wisdom, self-abnegation and patriotism unequalled in this world they con-

quered the right at the point of the bayonet; and now that we have grown to 70,000,000, the flower and cream of the human race, unless we have degenerated in an unspeakable degree from their standard of manhood, we will not crave the consent of any other nation on earth to make any sort of money in any quantity we please.

What does 16 to 1 mean? Around about this phrase the single gold standard propagandists have created a great fog.

Some of them say that it means that a silver dollar shall be 16 times as large as it now is. Others try to terrify the ignorant by declaring that it means that one gold dollar shall be worth 16 silver dollars. Still another whispers in the ear of credulity that it means we shall have 16 silver dollars to one gold dollar.

Another says that when we have free coinage a gold dollar will buy 16



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, "OUR FUTURE PRESIDENT."

times as many silver dollars as it will now. They make a special plea to the colored brother and say that 16 to 1 means that a white man shall have 16 times as many dollars as a colored man.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll took a turn in his Chicago speech at the definition business and declared that 16 to 1 means that there will be 16 men to 1 dollar, which, strange to say, his audience applauded, and which goes to show that Pagan Rob knows a little about finance as about religion. And so on to the end of the long chapter of fables—I will call it by no harsher name. Each orator appears to give a definition by which he hopes to catch some unwary voter.

It means none of these things. It simply means that for money purposes one pound of gold equals 16 pounds of silver; 1 ounce of gold equals 16 ounces of silver; 1 grain of gold equals 16 grains of silver.

We say this for the reason that that was the law from 1837 to 1873, under which we prospered and grew and no other people ever did prosper and grow, notwithstanding the fact that



HON. CHAMP CLARK, of Pike. Who will run ahead of his ticket in this Congressional District.

between 1837 and 1873 we carried on the Mexican war as well as the most stupendous and wasteful civil war of which history furnishes an authentic record, and we say it for the further reason that after 5,000 years of human industry, greed, ambition and ingenuity gold and silver are still dug out of the mountains of the earth nearly in the exact proportion of 16 to 1.

I hunted it up recently and I found that the first year in which the relative quantities of gold and silver in the world was ascertained was 1600 years before Christ and that the ratio then was 16 to 1, and that in 3400 years the ratio had changed only 35 points.

The gold standard propagandists say we are inviting the people to try a new experiment. That is not true. We are inviting them to go back and re-enter the broad, easy highway traveled by our fathers, while on the other hand they invite us to go chasing jack-o'-lanterns and will-o'-the-wisps into the sloughs and quagmires of an untried financial system.

Mr. Clark then took up the history of demonetization and the various ways connected therewith and discussed them in all their bearings; also the objections to silver coinage, which he directed mercilessly.

THE WIND-UP AT NIGHT. The big Democratic free silver rally wound up Monday night with a torchlight procession and a speech at the Court House by Hon. E. B. Cake, formerly of this city, who is now stumping the State for Bryan, Stephens and free silver, although he was formerly a staunch Republican.

The torchlight procession formed about 7 o'clock and was participated in by many mounted members of the Bryan club from various parts of the county who had not at that hour left for their homes. It was quite a lengthy one and the blazing torches made a pretty sight. John D. Ores was the marshal of the parade.

Hon. E. B. Cake was greeted by an immense crowd at the Court House. The Circuit Court room was packed and the oration that was tendered the speaker when he was introduced by

Hon. M. Y. Duncan in a few well chosen words was most flattering. For nearly two hours he discussed the issues of the day in a clear, forceful manner, evading none and throwing the onerous burden of truth on some dark places. He was applauded often and several times the great audience fairly went wild with enthusiasm. When he finished the big Democratic rally of 1896 had become a matter of history.

THOSE WHO DEMOCRATIZED.

The following are the beautifully decorated their stores for the big rally: T. J. Hoxsey & Co., Allen & Freeman, J. D. McKee, Ida Rosamond, Dearing, Mark Pilcher, Rozier Hall, W. A. Morris, Binger Hotel, E. H. Carter & Co., C. F. Shireman, Chas. A. Book, The Famous, J. M. Pollard, Saunders & Kemp, Pitts' barber shop, At. Brown, J. Bick, The Intelligence, Mexico Savings Bank, R. D. Worrell, Cento Bros., Sam N. Evans, French & Garrett, H. Corder, Mayfield's saloon and lunch room, Joe. Weimer, Wm. Kemper, Wolf & Brock, The Windsor Hotel, Ricketts & Emmans, J. H. Ballew, Jas. Paqueth, J. D. Morris & Co., Southern Bank, Temple of Economy, Geo. W. Robertson, Potts & Hurd, Turner, Jackson & Co., W. W. Harper, M. B. Wilson, C. R. Lupton, E. H. Phillips & Sons, City Hotel, R. Paul, W. J. Riser, Roberts' lunch room, A. C. Armstrong, T. F. Roden, F. A. Sannbeck, Steam Bakery, Lakeman & Barnes, The Racket, Mason Cressy, A. M. Trimble, Urban Weimer, Owen & Woltz, Joseph Steinman, Blatten & Wiltz, J. A. Hepburn, W. J. McLosky, Ira Shepley, Guthrie & Centz, W. W. Fry, Mexico, Custom Mills and Central Hotel.

ECHOES OF THE BIG RALLY.

Frank Beck led the Possum Hollow delegation.

There was almost as much mud as enthusiasm.

The man who yelled for McKinley met a sad fate.

It was a line of cheering as well as a line of march.

The procession was witnessed by hundreds of people.

Many of the horsemen wore broad shades of red, white or blue.

The Liberty club made a fine showing, as did all the county clubs.

Wm. Smith had charge of the delegation from the Seed Tick district.

The country boys are all good horsemen and made a good showing in the saddle.

If the weather had been fine the crowd would have filled Mexico to overflowing.

One of the clubs carried an attractive banner hung with sixteen silver and one gold dollar.

The weather might have been better, but bad weather can't keep down enthusiasm for Bryan.

Many of the visiting horsemen stayed over and took part in the torchlight procession in the evening.

Gross Scruggs and Marvin Bruce were in command of the Skinner club, which made a good showing.

Several former Republicans were noticed riding in the procession. They are all beginning to see the light.

No one has yet been found who counted all the men in line. A Ledger reporter tried to but his breath gave out.

The Porter school house club was captained by Mr. McCue, than whom there is not a better horseman anywhere.

As the clubs came in town they were provided with large and small American flags by the Mexico Bryan and Sewall club.

A noticeable feature of the parade was the number of young men in line. The coming leaders are all for Bryan and free silver.

Prominent among the features of the parade were the sixteen white horses and one bay ridden by members of the Mollino club.

The Ledger cannon helped to increase the noise in the morning and at night. The Ledger cannon is always ready to be heard for a good cause.

The broom brigade from Gant was one of the features of the procession. There is no longer any doubt about how clean the country will be swept for Bryan.

Chairman J. E. Sims, of the Democratic County Central Committee, rode at the head of the Gant club. He wore a coat of mail in his hat and yelled lustily for Bryan.

A brass band, two drum corps and thousands of voices rallied for Bryan and free silver can make a good deal of noise. If you don't think so you should have been here.

Benton City fairly outdid itself. The delegation from that place was by far the largest from any part of the county, there being over two hundred of them, led by H. H. Brown. The men and boys all wore attractive badges. Benton City never does things by halves.

W. W. Johnson was the leader of the Mollino club and A. D. Bledsoe captain. This club made a fine showing. Each of the members wore a neat badge, and there were some strong voices among them that made plenty of good old Democratic noise.

The Benton City girls were the big feature of the procession. Their singing was fine. A good many people said they did not know there were so many pretty girls in Benton City and were surprised when they were told that there were others who did not come. Miss Colliard represented the Queen of Beauty on the float and among the fair ones were the Misses Lang, Trachel and Colliard and Misses Mullen, Day, McGraw and Pittner.

The Farmers' Co-operative Insurance Co., of Audrain County, Mo., met in annual session yesterday in Mexico. The report of the past year shows very satisfactory results and the present condition first-class. Officers for the ensuing year are E. Jones, president; G. N. Wales, vice-president; J. B. Pool, treasurer; E. B. Norris, secretary; directors, Jacob Freyer, P. M. Canthorn, J. C. Wright, Noble Barnes and D. W. Butler.

A mission will be opened at the Catholic Church in Mexico on November 1st. A Jesuit priest will conduct this mission.

How We Do It! There is no secret about the matter. We have a buyer on the market in New York City who is watching for snags all the time. Every week we receive from one to five cases of goods. We turn our stock quickly on a small profit and sell for cash.

Special We have just received seven different patterns of all-wool novelty Dress Goods—the latest out—42 inches wide. Price 50c. These are extra values and we will be pleased to show them to every woman in Audrain County.

Dress Skirts We have on hand about 30 Dress Skirts, prices ranging from \$1.90 to \$3.25. These skirts are five and seven gore, smooth front and sides, ripple or plaited back. An elegant fitting garment. Made first-class. Ask to see them.

For That Cold Feeling Buy our Underwear. The first dose will give immediate relief.

The Racket. Special Sale! Children's Jackets, \$2.69, Ages 4 to 12 years, good. Worth \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests & Pants, 25c. Worth 35c. anywhere else.

Fleece Lined 25 to 50c. Hose.

MILLINERY, The pick of the markets.

Ladies' Furnisher.

CHAIRMAN BUTLER'S CLAIMS. A Majority of the Electors Held to Be Now Absolutely Safe For Bryan.

New York, October 12.—Chairman Butler, of the Populist National Committee, has issued a statement which is in part as follows: "The fusion arrangements between the two parties are now practically completed. During the last week a joint electoral ticket has been arranged in West Virginia by which the Populists get the two electors at large and the Democrats the four district electors. This arrangement makes the West Virginia certain, while before the McKinley people were claiming the state. So far, joint electoral tickets have been made in twenty-eight states.

"Information received at the headquarters of the Populist party so far indicates that the following states are almost absolutely safe, with the prospects brightening each day: Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 9; Florida, 4; Georgia, 13; Louisiana, 9; Mississippi, 9; Missouri, 17; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 15; Virginia, 12; Colorado, 4; Idaho, 3; Montana, 2; Nevada, 3; North Dakota, 3; South Dakota, 4; Utah, 3; Washington, 4; Wyoming, 3; Kentucky, 12; Iowa, 10; Kansas, 8; Indiana, 15; North Carolina, 11; Oregon, 4; California, 9; Maryland, 8; West Virginia, 6; total, 232 1/2."

Something to remember, if you're a weak and ailing woman—that there's only one medicine so sure to help you that it was for years sold under a positive guarantee. It's Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It builds up overworked, feeble, delicate women, or in any "female complaint" or weakness, it never fails to benefit or cure. It's an invigorating, restorative tonic, a soothing and strengthening nervine, or nerve food, and a safe and certain remedy for woman's ills and ailments. It regulates and promotes all the proper functions, improves digestion, enriches the blood, dispels aches and pains, brings refreshing sleep and restores health and strength.

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